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THE FIERCE BUFFALO

HE IS MORE THAN A MATCH FOR THE
KING OF BEASTS.

In Fact, One Asian or African Bull Is
Not Afraid to Tackle Two Lions at
Once and Has Even Been Known to
Kill an Elephant.

The bulls of all the species of the genus *bos* are savage and dangerous at times. The Romans knew no better sport than to see a powerful bull of the common domestic species toss a lion unless it was to see him toss a man, and bullfights are still the most loved diversion in all Spanish and Spanish-American countries. The American bison used to be a fine fighter, the only indigenous animal which could whip him being the grizzly bear. But unquestionably the fiercest and most formidable gladiators of this genus are the buffaloes of Asia and Africa.

Experience has taught the lions of Africa discretion, and they never hunt the buffalo singly, but always in pairs or companies. The buffalo is far larger and more powerful than the lion, and one good toss of his long, sharp, powerful horns, which frequently exceed twelve feet from tip to tip, is usually enough to kill the so-called "king of beasts." In fact, one buffalo is almost a match for two lions. Once when Sir Samuel W. Baker was hunting in Africa he found the dislocated skeleton of a buffalo lying intermixed with the broken bones of a lion. He concluded from appearances that two lions had attacked one buffalo and that the buffalo had killed one of them, but had finally succumbed to the other. Major Vardon and Mr. Oswell once saw a buffalo bull carry on successfully a fight against three lions until he suddenly dropped dead from the effects of a wound which Major Vardon had previously given him.

The Asiatic buffalo is smaller and less muscular than his African cousin, but he has his full share of prowess. He is more than a match for the tiger, which declines the combat unless urged to it by hunger. Even the domestic bull buffalo usually will whip the tiger. The Indian driver of a pair of large buffalo bulls plunges unhesitatingly into the darkest and most tangled forest, aware that the tiger probably will not attack him when thus accompanied and that even if it should his team would make short work of the ferocious beast with their massive horns. It is said the buffalo sometimes kills even the elephant, its mode of attack being to thrust its horns into the elephant's belly. This may happen sometimes, but can hardly take place often, as the great weight and strength of the elephant make it when enraged a foe which neither the buffalo nor any other animal can withstand. Buffalo fights and fights between buffaloes and tigers are main features in the entertainments of Indian princes.

Most species of wild animals usually get along pretty well among themselves, but fights between buffalo bulls are frequent and deadly. The victor in such contests always rancorously pursues the flying vanquished and tries to hook him in the rear. Sir Samuel W. Baker once came upon a pair of old bulls which, while fighting, had got their horns interlocked so they could not get loose. Having a rifle of great effectiveness, he killed them both at one shot.

The buffalo is not only one of the most redoubtable of fighters, but is also the most ruthless and ferocious, whether its antagonist be man or some other animal. "Many animals charge when infuriated," says Sir Samuel W. Baker, "but they can generally be turned by the stunning effect of a rifle shot, even though they may be mortally wounded, but a buffalo is a devil incarnate when it has once decided on the offensive. Nothing will turn it. If not killed it will assuredly destroy its adversary. There is no creature in existence that is so determined to stamp out the life of its opponent. Should it succeed in overthrowing its antagonist it will not only gore the body with its horns, but it will endeavor to tear it to pieces and will stand upon its lifeless form and stamp it with his hoofs until the mutilated remains are disfigured beyond all recognition." It is this ferocity of the buffalo which makes buffalo hunting so exciting and so perilous a sport.

Experienced hunters are always careful not to stand in front of a buffalo which has been felled by a bullet and is apparently dead, for after every sign of life is gone it may spring to its feet and deal destruction in every direction. Baron Harnier, a Prussian, shot a buffalo on the White Nile several years ago. His native servant had just taken a position near the head of the animal, which was apparently dead, when it sprang to its feet and knocked the man headlong. Baron Harnier's ride being unloaded, he courageously clubbed the weapon and tried to drive the buffalo off. The animal turned furiously upon him and stamped and gored him to death. The missionaries who found his body also found the carcass of the buffalo lying near it, and a little farther away was the body of his servant.

No land animal except possibly the elephant loves water so much as the buffalo. In a wild state it frequents swampy ground, where it wallows in the water and plasters itself with mud. Its coat of mud when hardened in the sun affords it protection from the great gadflies which, especially in Africa, cause it much annoyance. The buffalo does not lose its love of water when domesticated, and its practice of lying down in every stream it comes to even when hitched to a cart gets it many

edgelings and curings from its Indian drivers.

The buffalo's usual way of affording sport is as the hunted. The Cingalese of Ceylon train it to be a hunter. A favorite game of the Cingalese is the swamp frequenting waterfowl. The waterfowls are accustomed to buffaloes being near and do not fear them. The Cingalese therefore teach the buffaloes to browse slowly toward the game, while a man with a gun creeps undiscovered behind them until he gets within a easy shooting distance.

Wild buffaloes are highly gregarious. When a herd containing a number of calves is threatened by lions or tigers the bulls, if there be time, arrange themselves in a circle around the cows and calves, presenting a solid array of horns, and the enemy must be pretty hungry if he will then attack. Herds numbering 500 or 600 used frequently to be met with in Africa. Like other wild animals, they were able to hold their own against savage man armed only with his bow and arrows and other crude weapons; but, like the lion, the rhinoceros, the elephant and all other large game, they have been rapidly exterminated since Europeans introduced the practice of hunting them with firearms.—Chicago Tribune.

ART OF ENTERTAINING.

Two Dressed Guests and the Lesson
Their Visit Taught.

I once invited two brilliant sisters to come and stay for a few days at our little house in the country, writes John Strange Winter in Black and White. I don't know why I gave the invitation; it was done impulsively and on the spur of the moment. As we walked away from the house my husband said to me, "Why did you ask them?" "I don't know," I said blankly. "I don't know what we shall do with them. I don't know what we have at the other house to amuse brilliant women like these."

They arrived on the day we had fixed. We passed a happy evening, for dinner and country air round off the first day of a visit very easily, and the following morning when I came downstairs I found the sisters sitting in deck chairs in front of the house. To me they addressed themselves straight. "Now, we just wanted to say something to you," said one of them. "Would you please mind not entertaining us? We don't want to go anywhere, and we don't want to see any one. You'll feed us, we have no doubt, and your beds are delightful. Give us these deck chairs, these lovely gardens, this perfect air, and we want nothing more. It is recreation and pleasure to us to feel that we can let ourselves go and do absolutely nothing. There is an old friend of mother's who is staying at a house three or four miles away, and if you could make it convenient to lend us the pony cart—no, not the carriage—we will go over and pay our respects to her, but otherwise, if you want to be kind to us, let us be absolutely idle all the time we are here."

I took them at their word, blessed them with all my heart, and they stayed a fortnight. When they left they declared they had never spent a fortnight to such good purpose, and we had become so fond of their cheerfulness and homelike company that we were loath to part with them even then. But think if I had tried to entertain them and they had submitted to be entertained and to have every hour parceled out! How dreadful!

Aggravating.

Wife—Henry, what makes you in such a furious temper? Husband—I'm trying to read a Scotch dialect story. The plot is fearfully exciting, but I can't hurdle over the language fast enough to keep up with the hero!—Detroit Free Press.

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